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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

Sir:

I, the undersigned, Jaime Prat Urreiztieta, do hereby declare:

I am the sole Inventor of the above-identified patent application.

I am a General Manager at Iberia Ashland Chemical, S.A.

I am competent to make this Declaration based upon personal knowledge.

I understand that this Declaration will be used in the United States Patent and
Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application.

I understand that this Declaration is being submitted in order to provide evidence

or secondary considerations of nonobviousness in support of the patentability of claims 1-12 of the above-identified patent application

In order to prepare this Declaration, I have reviewed: claims 1-12 of the above-identified application and sales and production information relating to the claimed invention.

As evidenced by my letter of January 5, 2007 and the accompanying figures and charts (Exhibit B), the claimed invention has met with commercial success which results from the features of the claimed invention.

Moreover, as evidence by my letter of January 5, 2007, prior to the invention of the claimed subject matter, there was a long felt, but unsolved, need in the metal casting/fabrication industry for such an invention, namely, a lower cost, fluoride-free exothermic sleeve, but without the problems (e.g , graphite deformation) associated with prior art sleeves that also require a breaker core.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: January 26th, 2007



Jaime Prat Urreiztieta